



**Help  
replace  
your roof!**



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**Preparing our building for  
another lifetime of ministry**

Since St Matthew's was built 50 years ago, we have met together to celebrate Christian worship and to meet the needs of the local community in many ways. Our vision is to continue to serve the parish for many years to come, but we now face a grave new challenge.



Consultants have advised our PCC that the church's roof covering is at the end of its life and urgently needs to be restored. Our agreed solution is to replace the aluminium roof with a new insulated one which will not only be safer, but also environmentally better as we will be adding solar panels. Without this, the building could be deemed unfit for all its current uses.

To fund the project, we need to raise a further £550,000 to cover the costs of:

- All materials
- Construction and Design
- Professional fees of consultants and architects.

So we have a challenge!

As of December 2023 we have raised just over £200,000 – very many thanks for this.

We are making strenuous efforts to apply for external funding as part of our appeal – since we cannot count on raising the amount by ourselves alone – but we hope to raise a further portion of the balance from the congregation and from all those groups which benefit from using the church facilities.

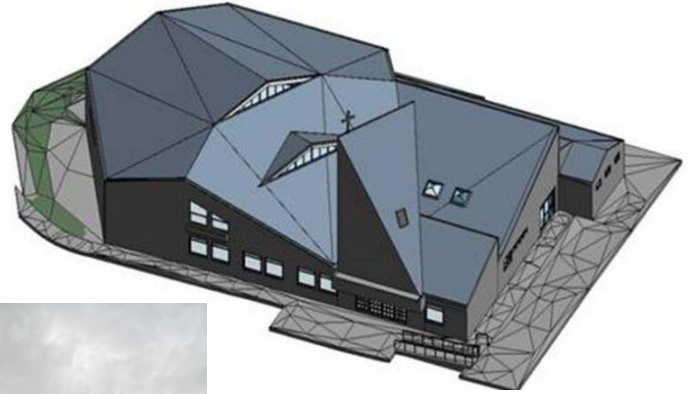
This appeal is made to all stakeholders with an interest in ensuring the long-term safety and security of the building as a church and as a community centre.



# Your contribution makes a real difference

By contributing to the Roof Fund, you will enable and vouchsafe the maintenance of St Matthew's on-going ministry and service to the local community.

The church and its facilities are a critical part of our local infrastructure. If its use and function as a place of worship and its focal centre for a wide range of social activities were to be discontinued, then this would be an incalculable loss at a time of pressing need for social cohesion. Without the money to undertake this repair work this is a real possibility.



Your generous giving will secure the future of St Matthew's for:

- Our many regular services – both in person and online
- Our safe environment for Youth and young people's activities
- Our excellent location, access and space for private functions
- Our Welcome to all comers at Saturday coffee and weekly RENEW 121 groups
- Our tradition of music and choral singing
- Our ideal venue for concert, dance, drama and blood donating
- Our accommodation of the wide variety of groups which count on the use of our facilities for their meetings

Planning permission has been granted for the roof covering replacement, insulation and solar panels – with the proviso that work be started by May 2026. This means the funds MUST be found to cover the costs.

# How to Give

What steps could you take?

- Could you give regularly to the roof fund? Then please set up a standing order for each month. Sort code **40-52-40** Account No **00098624** Reference **ROOF**
- Could you give a one-off gift? Please make cheques payable to **St Matthew's PCC** and mark for 'Roof Fund'
- Could you leave a gift in your will to the next generation at St Matthew's – charity number **1132508**
- Do you pay tax? Then please submit a **Gift Aid Form**. This will increase your gift by 25% at no cost to yourself. Gift Aid Forms are available from the Church Office
- Use the QR code



If you have any questions about how you can give financially please contact the Treasurer at [treasurer@stmatthew.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@stmatthew.org.uk) or contact the Church Office on **020 8681 3147** or at the **Parish Church of St Matthew, Chichester Road, Croydon CR0 5NQ**

## Thank you for giving generously

If you would like to keep up-to-date about the Roof Project please check out the website ([www.stmatthew.org.uk](http://www.stmatthew.org.uk)) where monthly updates will be posted. If you have any questions then please contact St Matthew's Project Manager Jan Williams at [jan.williams0949@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jan.williams0949@yahoo.co.uk).

**Thank you for all you do and for your on-going support for St Matthew's**